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Examiner: Brian Yong Kwon

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In re Application of: Nathan D. Hamilton

For: Nutritional Supplements for Aged Pets

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**AMENDMENT**

Director of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendment:

In the Claims:

1. (amended) A pet food for older pets, the food comprising
- an effective amount of lipoic acid;
  - an effective amount of a carnitine;
  - an effective amount of coenzyme Q;
  - carbohydrate;
  - protein;
  - fat; and
  - fiber.

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2. (amended) The pet food of claim 1 wherein the carnitine is acetyl-L-carnitine and the effective amount is about 0.1 grams to about 3 grams.